

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 2098

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, SY  
SUBJECT: FURTHER INFORMATION ON ROUND-UP OF TERRORIST GANG

REF: DAMASCUS 2038

1. REGULAR EMBASSY SOURCE WAS BRIEFED BY MILITARY POLICE  
LT. COL. WHO DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN INTERROGATING THOSE  
ARRESTED FOR MURDER OF DAMASCUS UNIVERSITY RECTOR AL-FADIL  
AND THREE BAATHI SECURITY OFFICIALS IN HAMA. SECURITY  
OFFICIAL TOLD SOURCE THOSE ARRESTED BELONG TO MUSLIM  
BROTHERHOOD AND WERE LOYAL TO HUHAMMAD HADID, BROTHERHOOD  
LEADER FROM HAMA WHO WAS ARRESTED AND DIED IN HOSPITAL  
IN FALL 1976. THOSE ARRESTED, ACCORDING TO SECURITY OFFICIAL,  
CONFERRED THEY SWORN REVENGE THEMSELVES ON LEADING ALAWITES  
AND WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR MURDER OF DR. AL-FADIL. HE SAID  
THAT TWO MEN WHO ACTUALLY KILLED AL-FADIL WERE NOT ALONE  
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THAT DAY, BUT NUMBER OF GANG'S MEMBERS WERE SPREAD OVER  
UNIVERSITY CAMPUS TO INSURE THEY DID NOT FAIL TO  
INTERCEPT AL-FADIL. ACCORDING TO SECURITY OFFICIAL,  
GROUP HAD PLANNED OTHER ASSASSINATIONS DURING FORTY DAY  
MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR AL-FADIL AT WHICH LARGE NUMBER  
LEADING ALAWITES WERE EXPECTED TO BE ON HAND.

2. SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF THAT SECURITY OFFICIAL HAD ADMITTED TO HIM THAT IRAQI INVOLVEMENT WAS MINOR IF NOT NIL. HE STATED THAT ALL THOSE ARRESTED WERE FROM HAMA AND NUMBER OF GANG STILL REMAIN AT LARGE. HE CONFIRMED THAT OF VICTIMS, "OFFICER ALI HAYDAR," HAD INDEED BEEN HEAD OF SECURITY FOR HAMA DISTRICT.

3. COMMEN: DESPITE FOREGOING, LOCAL PRESS IS CONTINUING TO POUND AWAY ON THE IRAQI CONNECTION.  
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